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**STORMWATER DISCHARGE IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR
VENICE AREA**

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky announced plans to contract for construction of flood control improvements in the vicinity of Venice. Improvements will include construction of devices to divert low water flows in the existing storm drain along Rose Avenue from Hampton Drive to Rennie Avenue, a sediment separation device, a reinforced concrete sump with pumps, discharge pipes, and supporting structures.

This project is part of the County's extensive stormwater program and will provide improved water pollution control by diverting non-storm runoff to a sewage treatment plant.

The County Department of Public Works will open bids May 11 on a contract to perform the work. Public Works expects the work to start in July and take 45 working days to complete the project, ending in October. Once work begins, Rose Avenue may be reduced to one traffic lane for both directions, controlled by flaggers, during daylight working hours, and 5th Avenue may be close to through traffic.

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